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TO: Assistant Director for Special Operations

Thru: Assistant Director for Operations *B/17 Apr 50*

10 April 1950

Acting Chief, FDD

Request for Information on Japanese Documents on the USSR and Far Eastern Border Areas

Reference:

1. Answering the questions in paragraph 2 of basic reference:

a. FDD's files indicate that of the documents described in the enclosure,  appeared as CIG Document Branch Translation No. 81, published on 27 June 1947 from FDD document No. 220664 published in 1945;  appeared as CIG Document Branch Translation No. 67, published on 30 April 1947 from FDD document No. 240350 published in 1943;  appeared as CIA FDB Translation No. 125, published on 26 March 1948 from two (2) FDD documents Nos. 239818 and 288418, published in 1941 and 1942. Of the  numbers enumerated in the enclosure, the above three were thus done by the Foreign Documents Division or its counterpart in the past.

In the enclosure under heading Documents Awaiting Disposition in OSO, the document entitled Military Geography of the Far East, etc., appeared as Washington Document Center Translation No. 9 published on 31 May 1946 from FDD document No. 213160 published in 1944.

Of the remaining documents in the enclosure, FDD does not know of their existence in other offices of CIA. As for other government agencies, both the Army and the Navy have had extensive historical projects under way for some time utilizing Japanese documents; it is therefore possible that some of these documents are in their possession.

b. FDD is aware of omissions in the collection of these studies. During the period of the Washington Document Center's collection and exploitation of Japanese documents shipping advices were often received from SCAP which showed documents that had been kept in Tokyo and not sent to the Washington Document Center. See Attachment C attached hereto for a breakdown of such material.

c. The answer here again is yes. Attachment A attached hereto is a compilation of WDC Translation and WDC-FDD Summaries which states the title, date and number of translations, as well as the Japanese document or documents

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exploited in their preparation. In addition, Attachment B consists of WDC Special Accession Lists Nos. 1-29 which will include many of the same types of documents in which OSO's letter shows interest. Of the documents listed in these two attachments, a large percentage is available on loan from FDD, since their basic intelligence value warranted our keeping them.

d. Yes. Their procurement for OO would help complete the overall picture of Japanese intelligence reporting on the USSR and adjacent areas. Under the heading "List of Japanese Documents Obtained by OSO", it is stated that these documents were transferred to G-2, Department of the Army. FDD has interest in these documents (with the exception of three (3) documents listed in paragraph 1.a. of this letter) since they meet standing requirements in FDD from the IAC. It is therefore requested that foreign language documents obtained by OSO and earmarked for one or more of the IAC agencies be forwarded initially to the Foreign Documents Division for an interim exploitation of intelligence information of common concern to all the IAC agencies.

2. Paragraph 3 of basic reference states that [ ] duplicated FDD document No. 220664. With the information supplied in the attachments included herein, it is hoped that such duplication will be avoided. It might be pointed out that all Japanese documents received in WDC and in CIG Document Branch were listed in Accession Lists and these were routed to the IAC. Translations and studies made from these documents were also similarly routed.

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List of WDC-FDD Summaries  
B--29 WDC Accession Lists  
C--List of Documents Belonging  
to SCAP)

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

Attention: Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: Request for Information on Japanese Documents on the  
USSR and Far Eastern Border Areas

1. Attached for your information and use in connection with the request contained in this memorandum is a list of Japanese documents acquired by this office during the last year. The list shows titles, the publishing agency, the date published and the disposition made by this office. The following request is made for our guidance in the event that procurement of similar materials by OSO becomes possible, and to avoid future duplication of effort.

2. The following information is requested:

a. Do any of the documents described in the enclosure exist in the files of FDD (other than those shown as forwarded to FDD by OSO)? Does FDD have knowledge of their existence in the files of other offices of CIA or of other government agencies? If so, have they been translated, or is translation anticipated?

b. Is FDD aware of any significant omissions in the U. S. Government collection of Japanese Imperial General Staff studies similar to those described in the enclosure?

c. Is the subject matter of any of the documents described in the enclosure more adequately covered by other studies known to FDD? If so, in what publications is such information contained?

d. Based on your answers to the above questions, is further OSO collection of similar materials considered advisable by OO?

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3. It has been noted that the document listed on the enclosure as [redacted] is described on a 5 x 8 card prepared by FDD and submitted to Industrial Register/CCD. The card is headed "BIBLIOGRAPHY" and gives the following document number and title: "DOC NO 220664; TITLE: Rear Preparations of the Soviet Army in the Eastern USSR." [redacted] was 25X1A procured by OSO and distributed to the Department of the Army without prior knowledge that the document was in the possession of FDD.

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4. It is felt that serious duplication of effort and expense was involved in this procurement and processing, which of course would not have been undertaken if OSO had known of the existence of the document in Washington. It is therefore further requested that we be advised of the scope of FDD's materials on the Far Eastern USSR and its border areas, and that ICS/OSO be included on the distribution of any accession lists or other notifications pertaining to this subject in the future.

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Assistant Director  
Special Operations

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List of Documents Obtained by OSO

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LIST OF JAPANESE DOCUMENTS OBTAINED BY OSO

All of the documents listed below were published by the Japanese Imperial General Staff, unless otherwise indicated. They are listed according to the agency to which OSO transmitted them, and by the SODB number under which they were transmitted.

Documents sent to G-2, Department of the Army

(Notification of the disposition of these documents was sent to ONI and the Director of Intelligence, Department of the Air Force.)

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Winter Operations of the Soviet Army (translation only), published December 1944.

Soviet Army Rear Echelon Preparations in East Russia, published 1 April 1945.

Strategic Study of Kamchatka and Adjacent Areas, published in the summer of 1943.

Town Plans of Grodekovo, Karymskaya, Kamen Rybolov, Lazo, Nerchinsk, Sretensk, and Vladivostok, published in 1945.

Study of the Mid-Amur River Area (with 5 maps), published 31 March 1940.

Military Geography of the Karafuto Area (with 6 charts, 16 diagrams and 63 maps), published 20 January 1941.

Town Plans of Petrovsk, Shirovo, Shimanovski, Skovorodino, Tambovka, and Yukzhul; published in 1945.

Town Plans of Artem, Razvedka, Bureya, Vtoraya Rechka, Kaganovich, Lesozavodsk, Olovyanaya, Semenovka, Undur Khan, and Vyazenskaya, published in 1945.

Town Plans of Babstovo, Ksenovshaya, Oblucho, Saichika, Ushumun, and Varfolomeyevka; published in 1945.

Railroads in Amur Oblast, published in February 1945.

Seventeen Charts on Transportation, Industry, Resources, Weather, Health, Food and Fortifications in Amur Oblast, published prior to 1945.

Town Plans of Komsomolsk, Sovetskaya Gavan, Khabarovsk, Svobodny, Blagoveshchensk, Ekaterino Nikolskoye, Mozocha, Shilka and Kharanor, published in 1945.

148 Topographic Maps of the Far Eastern USSR, Manchuria and the Mongolian People's Republic; scale 1/100,000, in four colors.

Documents sent to Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force

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Bombs and Incendiaries Used by the Soviet Air Force (translated chart only); published in January 1944.

Radio, Telephone and Telegraph Communications in Amur Oblast (copies of map - original sent to Army); published in February 1945.

Documents forwarded for disposition by Map Division, ORE, CIA

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Town Plans of Irkutsk, Voroshilov, Khabrovsk, Olga, Borzaya, Komsomolsk, Ulan Ude, Svobodny, Birobidzhan, Choibalsan, Ulan Bator, Chita and Kuibyshevka; from aerial photographs taken in late 1944. (Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force were advised of the disposition of these documents.)

Documents forwarded for disposition by Foreign Documents Division, OO, CIA

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Military Weather Report on Manchuria, published by the General Staff of the Kuantung Army in November 1937.

Report on the Resources of Areas of Military Significance in the Far Eastern USSR, published 20 April 1939.

Geographic Data on Areas of Military Significance in Northwestern Manchuria, published 21 November 1938.

Geographic Data on Areas of Military Significance in the Amur Province Area, published 1 October 1940.

Outline of Resources in the Far Eastern USSR, published by the East Asia Research Institute in November 1940.

Documents awaiting disposition in OSO

Location of Airfields in Amur Oblast, published February 1945

Military Geography of the Soviet Far East, including Military Geography of the Kurile Islands, Maps of Towns in Northern Karafuto, a Map of the Eastern Manchuria-USSR Border, 4 Maps of Airfields in the Soviet Far East, a Map of the Southern Part of the Maritime Krai, and 5 Triangulation Charts; published 1941-44. (Some of these documents were published by the Imperial General Staff, some by the Northern Area Army.)